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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Seiji KOBAYASHI, et al.

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- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/555,658, filed October 31, 2000, which is the national stage of PCT/JP99/02294, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.
- Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**: Application No. Date Filed
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

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Japan

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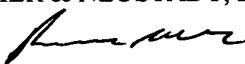
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- are submitted herewith
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- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/JP99/02294  
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- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
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